

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc.,

Case No. 1:24-cv-06804

Plaintiff,

JURY TRIAL REQUESTED

v.

MultiPlan, Inc.,

Defendant.

**CHS/COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.’S DIRECT ACTION PLAINTIFF
SHORT-FORM COMPLAINT**

The Plaintiff named below files this Short-Form Complaint and (if checked off below) Demand for Jury Trial against the Defendant(s) named below by and through the undersigned counsel. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the factual allegations, as well as the claims and relief checked off below, sought in the Consolidated Master Direct Action Plaintiff Complaint (“Consolidated Master DAP Complaint”) as it relates to the named Defendant(s) (checked-off below), filed in *In re Multiplan Health Insurance Provider Litigation*, MDL No. 3121, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Plaintiff files this Short-Form Complaint pursuant to the Proposed Case Management Order regarding the Consolidated Master Complaint and Individual Short Form Complaints for Direct Action Plaintiffs, filed on the MDL Docket (No. 1:24-cv-06795) at ECF 170.

Plaintiff indicates by checking the relevant boxes below the Parties, Designated Forum, Jurisdiction and Venue, Causes of Actions and other Relevant Information specific to Plaintiff’s case. Plaintiff, by and through the undersigned counsel, alleges as follows:

I. IDENTIFICATION OF PARTIES

A. PLAINTIFF

1. Name of the Plaintiff alleging claims against Defendant(s): **CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc.**
2. For each Plaintiff that is a corporation, list the state of incorporation and state of principal place of business. For each Plaintiff that is an LLC or partnership, list the state citizenship of each of its members. For each Plaintiff that is a natural person, list the state of residency and citizenship at the time of the filing of this Short-Form Complaint [Indicate State[s]]:

Delaware (incorporation), Tennessee (principal place of business)

B. DEFENDANT(S)

3. Plaintiff names the following Defendant(s)¹ in this action [*Check all that apply*]:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MultiPlan, Inc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aetna, Inc., a subsidiary of CVS Health Corporation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blue Shield of California Life & Health Insurance Company
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Mutual Insurance Company
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aware Integrated, Inc. and BCBSM, Inc. d/b/a Blue Cross Blue Shield Of Minnesota
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cambia Health Solutions, Inc. f/k/a The Regence Group
<input type="checkbox"/>	Centene Corporation
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Cigna Group
<input type="checkbox"/>	Elevance Health, Inc. f/k/a Anthem, Inc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Health Care Service Corporation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Highmark Health

¹ Each Defendant named in this Short-Form Complaint acted directly or through each of that entity's executives, employees, directors, and majority-owned subsidiaries. For example, UnitedHealth Group Inc. acted directly or through, among others, the following majority-owned subsidiaries: United Healthcare Insurance Company, and its affiliates; United Healthcare Services Inc.; United Healthcare Service LLC; Oxford Benefit Management, Inc.; UMR, Inc.; Sierra Health and Life Insurance Company, Inc.; Sierra Health-Care Options, Inc.; Health Plan of Nevada, Inc.; and United Healthcare of Florida, Inc.

	Horizon Healthcare Services, Inc. d/b/a Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey
	Humana Inc.
	Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.
	Molina Healthcare, Inc.
	UnitedHealth Group Inc.
	Allied National, LLC
	Benefit Plans Administrators of Eau Claire, LLC
	Central States Southeast and Southwest Areas Health and Welfare Fund
	Consociate, Inc. d/b/a Consociate Health
	Healthcare Highways Health Plan (ASO), LLC
	Secure Health Plans Of Georgia, LLC D/B/A Secure Health
	Sanford Health Plan
	CareFirst Of Maryland
	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts

C. OTHER DEFENDANTS

For each “Other Defendant” Plaintiff contends are additional parties and are liable or responsible for Plaintiff’s damages alleged herein, Plaintiff must identify by name each Defendant and its citizenship, and Plaintiff must plead the specific facts supporting any claim against each “Other Defendant” in a manner complying with the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. In doing so, Plaintiff may attach additional pages to this Short-Form Complaint.

	NAME	CITIZENSHIP
1	Not applicable.	
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II. DESIGNATED FORUM

4. For Direct Filed Cases: Identify the Federal District Court in which the Plaintiff would have filed in the absence of direct filing: Not applicable.
5. For Transferred Cases: Identify the Federal District Court in which the Plaintiff originally filed and the date of filing: Southern District of New York, May 8, 2024

III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

6. Subject Matter Jurisdiction is based on:

- Diversity of Citizenship
- Federal Question
- Other (The basis of any additional grounds for jurisdiction must be pled in sufficient detail as required by the applicable Federal Rules of Civil Procedure):

IV. FACTS AND INJURIES ASSERTED

7. Plaintiff adopts all paragraphs of the Consolidated Master DAP Complaint by reference, except for the allegations set forth in any cause of action that Plaintiff does not adopt (as indicated below).
8. Plaintiff adopts and alleges as injuries resulting from the challenged conduct the injuries to DAPs set forth in the Consolidated Master DAP Complaint.

V. ADDITIONAL FACTS DEMONSTRATING STANDING TO BRING CAUSES OF ACTION

9. Plaintiff alleges the following additional facts in support of its standing to bring causes of action:

As alleged in the Master Complaint, Plaintiff was directly injured by Defendants' illegal conduct because it was underpaid for out-of-network goods and services as a result of the alleged antitrust violations set forth in the Master Complaint. More specifically, due to the MultiPlan Cartel, Plaintiff was paid less for its out-of-network goods and services than it would have been paid but-for the existence of the cartel.

VI. CAUSES OF ACTION ASSERTED

10. Plaintiff adopts and asserts the following Causes of Action alleged in the Consolidated Master DAP Complaint, and the allegations with regard thereto, against the Defendants identified above (*check all that are adopted*).

Check all that apply	Count	Cause of Action	Law pursuant to which the cause of action is asserted in the Master Complaint
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I	Horizontal Agreements in Restraint of Trade (Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1)	Federal Law
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	II	Hub-And-Spoke Agreement in Restraint of Trade (Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1)	Federal Law
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	III	Principal-Agent Combinations in Restraint of Trade (Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1)	Federal Law
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IV	Agreements to Unreasonably Restrain Trade (Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1)	Federal Law
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	V	Anticompetitive Information Exchange (Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1)	Federal Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	VI	Violation of State and D.C. Antitrust Statutes	
<input type="checkbox"/>	VII	Violation of State Consumer Protection Laws	
<input type="checkbox"/>	VII	Unjust Enrichment	

NOTE

If Plaintiff wants to allege additional Causes of Action other than those selected in the preceding paragraph, which are the Causes of Action set forth in the Master Complaint, the facts supporting those additional Causes of Action, must be pled in a manner complying with the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. In doing so, Plaintiff may attach additional pages to this Short-Form Complaint.

VII. ADDITIONAL CAUSES OF ACTION

11. Plaintiff asserts the following additional Causes of Action and supporting allegations against the following Defendants:

None.

VIII. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

12. *Check all that apply:*

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for all available compensatory damages, treble damages, punitive damages in amounts to be proven at trial, and judgment against Defendant(s) and all such further relief that this Court deems equitable and just as set forth in the Master Complaint, and any additional relief to which Plaintiff may be entitled, including disgorgement.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for declaratory and injunctive relief and judgment against Defendant(s) and all such further relief that this Court deems equitable and just as set forth in the Master Complaint, and any additional relief to which Plaintiff may be entitled.

JURY DEMAND

[Check the applicable box]:

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury as to all claims in this action.

Plaintiff **does not demand** a trial by jury as to all claims in this action.

By signature below, Plaintiff's counsel hereby confirms their submission to the authority and jurisdiction of the United States District Court of the Northern District of Illinois and oversight of counsel's duties under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, including enforcement as necessary through sanctions and/or revocation of *pro hac vice* status.

Dated: December 2, 2024

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned attorney certifies that on December 2, 2024, he electronically filed a copy of the attached via the CM/ECF filing system, which sent notification of such filing to all Filing Users.

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